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TO: Each Supervisor

FROM: Marvin J. Southard, D.S.W.  
Director

SUBJECT: **ADVANCE NOTIFICATION OF INTENT TO ENTER INTO SOLE  
SOURCE CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS WITH EGGLESTON  
YOUTH CENTER, INC.**

This memo is to comply with the Board of Supervisors policy manual, Section 5.100, Sole Source Contract, by notifying the Board of our need to initiate a Sole Source Contract. It is the Department of Mental Health's (DMH) intent to enter into contract negotiations with Eggleston Youth Center, Inc. (EYC), to provide quality, comprehensive mental health services at EYC's residential treatment program and Foster Family Agency (FFA), as well as the family by birth and/or foster family. EYC Family Services Mental Health Program (MHP) provides a myriad of services included, but not limited to, comprehensive psychosocial assessments, treatment plan development, individual, group and family therapy, crisis intervention, rehabilitation, and psychiatric services. EYC will provide mental health services to three hundred (300) children and youth.

EYC has been a mental health provider since October 2003. Over the last seven years, EYC has been providing effective programs and services to children, youth, and families affected by mental illness and individuals most at risk. The residential treatment program division of EYC operates three (3) twenty-four 24-hour residential facilities, one 36-bed facility and two 6-bed facilities licensed by the California Department of Social Services with a Rate Classification Level (RCL) 12. EYC operates a Foster Family Agency that offers comprehensive services to certified parents and the children placed in their care, which includes, but not limited to, therapeutic services, training, home visits, and direct referrals to community resources. EYC offers Family Preservation Therapeutic Day Treatment services to youth who, through their behaviors, are at risk of being removed from their home and admitted to an out-of-home placement program. EYC offers a fully accredited school at their Residential Educational Center. The curriculum is designed for 13-17 year old students who are on track academically according to his age/grade level or for the student who is in need of special education services. EYC also offers an After School Program, which provides various activities

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that expands knowledge through interactive experiences, broadens and offers insight to cultural awareness, and offers opportunities that develop leadership skills. EYC continues their efforts to provide youth needed services by offering assistance after discharge by providing a Continuity of Care Program to eliminate the discontinuity in services when the youth has been released by the court, which ultimately reduces the recidivism rate in the juvenile justice system.

Unless otherwise instructed by a Board office within two weeks, the Department of Mental Health will proceed with entering into contract negotiations with EYC, working with County Counsel and the Chief Executive Office.

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